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**From:** Hood, Rich  
**Sent:** Thur 3/14/2013 9:30:31 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Inquiry on West Lake landfill

Karl,

Here are questions RS sent to hq. We have now been asked to draft language to respond to questions.

Requests for hq interviews, of course, have been and will continue to be dealt with there.

Rich

**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2013 2:03 PM  
**To:** Hood, Rich  
**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Subject:** FYI: Inquiry on West Lake landfill

FYI, Rich.

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**From:** Steven Hsieh  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2013 2:33:50 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta

**Subject:** Re: Inquiry on West Lake landfill

Hi Enesta,

Please see my questions below:

1. Is EPA prepared to set a national precedent by leaving waste—surpassing levels of radiation the EPA has allowed in the past—in a major metropolitan area?
2. Is EPA prepared to set a national precedent by leaving radioactive waste illegally dumped in a landfill not regulated by the NRC?
3. What is nominee Gina McCarthy's position on the two questions listed above?
4. The Army Corps of Engineers has cleaned more than 100 radioactively contaminated sites in the St. Louis metropolitan area. What accounts for the EPA's contrary decision in 2008 on West Lake? What would it take for the Superfund remediation board to consider excavating the waste out of West Lake?

Best,  
Steven

On Wed, Mar 13, 2013 at 12:32 PM, Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Steven,  
I understand you are working on a story about this landfill and have spoken to officials in our Region 7 office.

And now would like an interview with HQ officials.

Can you please send along your specific questions, hard deadline and pub date?

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